

MINUTES

BLOOMINGTON COMMISSION ON SUSTAINABILITY MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY, October 10, 2006, AT 6:00 P.M. IN THE McCLOSKEY CONFERENCE ROOM, CITY HALL, 401 N. MORTON, BLOOMINGTON, INDIANA

Roll Call

Members Present: Bob Bent, Keith Clay, Christine Glaser, John Hamilton, George Huntington, Cairril Mills, Dave Rollo, Catherine Stafford, Toby Strout, John West
Regrets: Darryl Neher
Staff Present: Danise Alano, Asst. Director of Economic Development
Mike Steinhoff, Service Corps Intern
Jenny Sumner, Service Corps Intern

Call to Order/Approval of Minutes

6:05 p.m. Meeting called to order by John Hamilton. Motion to approve September Minutes by Toby Strout and seconded by Dave Rollo. Minutes approved unanimously.

Public Comment

There were no citizens present wanting to comment.

Announcements

Cairril Mills presented new data from the Census Bureau and reported in *the Business Network*, specifically that in Bloomington single mothers with children present outnumber single fathers with children present 4:1. Also, 75% of people drive alone to work, 8% car pool, 8% walk, 8% use other means. The mean earnings for men were \$36,300 and for women it was \$31,739. The data is available at www.census.gov/acs/www/index.html.

Dave Rollo commented that the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) is still being reviewed. Commissioners were encouraged to submit their public comment individually at the upcoming public comment meetings on October 16th, 23rd, and 30th. Dave also commented that he will have more information for BCOS on light rail and passenger rail.

John Hamilton presented a newspaper article on the Lazy Man's way to save energy and a newspaper article on a local network of green builders in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Staff Report

The outreach efforts archive was updated to reflect upcoming and past outreach efforts by BCOS commission members.

Committee Reports

John Hamilton met with the Mayor and reported three major issues to address: connecting with IU, the plan to reduce greenhouse gasses, and what the commission can do with our resources. Danise Alano commented that there will be increased communication and attention from the Mayor on these issues.

The Commission discussed the positive progress and hard work that has taken place over the last year and commented on the diversity of the group. A facilitated retreat was suggested to help commissioners recognize the different perspectives and motivations of one another.

Indicators

Catherine Stafford announced that she will not be at meetings until January.

Danise Alano reported that the Indiana Business Research Center (IBRC) is charged with including certain sustainability indicators in the Bloomington Economic Development Corporation's *Benchmarking the Local Economy Survey* (as a stipulation in grant funds provided by the City to fund the survey in part). Danise asked for BCOS input and will send a list of proposed indicators for BCOS feedback and approval to recommend to IBRC.

Danise also presented work on indicators completed by an MBA student with the IBRC. BCOS staff will merge this work with that of the indicators committee. The next steps will be developing a process to filter the indicators and write the report. John West volunteered to help with indicators on land use. John Hamilton and staff will communicate the process of next steps to the BCOS.

Education

Christine Glaser reported success on the first energy forum. More than 50 people attended. There have been offers by the Harrison County REMC presenters to repeat the seminar every month for one year at their own expense. The Education Committee will pursue finding audiences for this potential opportunity.

Cairril Mills will present Sustainability 101 to MCCSC on October 11, 2006. She also reported that she is considering working with CATS to tape a presentation.

Initiatives

John Hamilton reported that 8-9 applicants came in with projects and discussed further action. The committee is still addressing how to move forward on the two dozen ideas still under discussion. George Huntington mentioned the desire from applicants for an approval process, or stamp of approval, for sustainable projects.

Partnerships and Resources

John West discussed available budget for the BCOS at \$3500. Danise said she would investigate how much of that was tied up in intern funding. It was suggested that funding should be pursued for the BCOS retreat and for the Sustainability Assessment Report. John Hamilton referenced the mission paragraph developed last year for use in obtaining resources for this committee.

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 pm.